

# Lion Nine Blanks Villanova, 8-0

## Still Undefeated at Home; Losers Post Triple Play

By RON GATEHOUSE

Side arming junior Bill Burcin, although he needed help from ace southpaw Eddie Drapcho in the sixth, limited Villanova to a mere three hits yesterday afternoon at Beaver Field to blank the Wildcats, 8-0, in his first varsity start.

Burcin scattered single Villanova hits in the second, third, and sixth innings, before leaving the hill in favor of Drapcho, who coupled three strikeouts with two Nittany double plays to preserve the Lions' home winning streak and bring their

season card to a lusty 11-4.

The Lions, unbeaten in each of their eight Beaver Field starts, combined for 11 hits against a trio of Wildcat pitchers to establish themselves as definite contenders for title-honors in baseball's NCAA spacious District Two.

The Wildcats came to University Park with a 13-5 record, good enough to place them among the top four in the district, which contains some 100 collegiate diamond squads.

Against Villanova, the Lions clicked for a second-inning double play, in addition to the two they posted with Drapcho on the mound, but they had to take a back seat to the Wildcats for the day's outstanding play in the field—a seventh inning triple play.

Burcin struck out one and walked four in his first varsity appearance, and Drapcho's three strike outs brought his total to 72 in 69 innings-pitched.

The three Villanova hurlers, Bob Scalzi, Dick Black, and John Nagy, went together to fan seven Lions, and combined for 10 free passes.

The Nittanians did all of their scoring in the first five innings—two in the first, second and fifth, and one each in the third and fourth.

Captain Charlie Russo and Rex Bradley led the Nittanians at the plate with two hits apiece. Russo had a perfect day, going two-for-two. He walked three times and registered three of the Lions' eight scores.

After Burcin retired the Wildcats in order in the top of the first, Russo slammed a base hit to get the Lions under way. He broke the ice on Bradley's base hit after Bob McMullen grounded out.

Ron Weidenhammer followed with a base smack, and Bradley scored the second run on a passed ball, with Weidenhammer going to third.

With two out in the second, Russo went to first on four balls, stole second, and took third on an error by Villanova backstop, Bill Pearson. He scored on McMullen's hit. McMullen stole second and went to third on another error by Pearson, an overthrow at second, before he could score on Bradley's second consecutive base hit.

Weidenhammer led off the fifth with a high fly down the right-field foul line. Dave Hinnigan left the ball slip out of his glove attempting to make a basket catch, and Weidenhammer was safe on second. He went to third when Lockerman grounded out to second, and came home on Tirabassi's out, short-to-first.

Again without a base hit, the Nittanians scored in the fourth on three consecutive walks and a fielder's choice. With two out, Russo walked, stole second, and took third after McMullen and Bradley walked. Weidenhammer's infield grounder scored the Lion captain for run number six.

Three hits and two walks were enough to give Bedenk's (Continued on page seven)



THE THROW TO THIRD, with Villanova third baseman Don Mucchetti on the business end, beats the Lions' Pat Kennedy by one step for the first out in the sixth inning of yesterday's Penn State-Villanova contest. Kennedy, returning to first base after a four-game absence, started the sixth off with a walk, took second on a hit, and was thrown out at third on Merle Gerdes' infield grounder. The Lions won the game, shutting out the Wildcats, 8-0, to extend their home win streak to eight.

## Lion Netmen Edge Past Juniata, 5-4, for 6th Win

By ROGER BEIDLER

A rearranged Penn State tennis squad edged out a close 5-4 decision over the Juniata netmen yesterday at Huntingdon to gain its sixth victory of the season.

Surging from beneath a 4-3 deficit with only two doubles matches remaining, the Lions ran their winning streak to three in a row to boost their average well over the 500 mark.

At the end of seven matches, Juniata led the Lion netmen by a 4-3 margin on the strength of three singles victories and a win in the number one doubles encounter.

Larry Adler and Rhymes Humphreys made the outlook a little brighter for the Lions as they tied the match with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Paul Wingert and Don Ruhl in the number three doubles battle.

Juniata saw all hopes of a surprise upset go down the drain in the final match as Joe Eberly and Chris Christiansen teamed up to save the Lion's face. The Nittany twosome notched a straight set 6-4, 6-3 victory over Juniata's Chuck Gross and Dan Raffensberger to pull the match out of the fire.

In the opening singles match, Phil Lankford proved to be too much of a jump for the Lions' Ed Seiling as he downed the Lion junior 6-1, 6-1.

In the second singles match, Chris Christiansen downed Juniata's Chuck Gross 6-4, 6-3 to rack up State's first point. The win was Christiansen's fifth against four setbacks. In the third spot, Doug Zuker dropped his fourth straight match as he lost to Dick Fusco, 8-6, 6-4. The loss was his fourth and made the score read 2-1 in favor of the hosts.

Larry Adler put the Lions deeper in the hole as he lost a close three-set match to Juniata's Dan Raffensberger. Raffensberger copped the opener 6-3, but Adler rallied to take the second set, 6-2, but fell short in the third by a 6-2 score.

With the score 3-1 against them, Lion sophomores Joe Eberly and Al Williams each copped three set

matches to knot the count. Eberly, in the fifth spot, downed Paul Wingert, 6-8, 6-3, 6-4 while his classmate knocked off Dick Wyant 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, in the sixth singles encounter.

With the score tied, Lankford and Fusco temporarily halted the Lion comeback as the Juniata combination upended Seiling and Dean Mullen 6-2, 9-7. The match was Mullen's first in over a week as the Nittany netmen has been sidelined with a sprained ankle.

Juniata's upset attempt was in vain, however, as the remaining two doubles encounters went to the Lions to mark their sixth victory.

## 11 Win In Intramural Horseshoes

Eight fraternity duos and three independent partners advanced in the intramural horseshoes tournament by posting victories Tuesday night. Six fraternity entries also gained victories in the IM soccer tourney.

Mike Znacko and Hal Byers, Tau Kappa Epsilon, defeated Dick Gilger and Dick Carson, Sigma Phi Epsilon, 21-14, 10-21, 21-12; Jim Harter and Ray Miller, stopped Norm Levin and Gil Friedman, Phi Epsilon Pi, 21-11, 21-11; Dean Vesling and John Hiebler, Beta Theta Pi, beat Jim Auchenbach and Jack Stiber, Lambda Chi Alpha, 21-8, 21-14.

Anthony Richards and John Beachley downed John Hogan and Dick Davidson, Phi Gamma Delta, 21-14, 15-21, 21-8; Jack Harmon and Alfred Taylor, Phi Mu Delta, took two out of three games from Ted Liebert and Harry Holm, 21-10, 8-21, 21-17; Gordon Wiser and Bob Fox, Delta Theta Sigma, trounced Allan Van Alst and Leo Stankavage, Delta Tau Delta, 21-10, 21-12.

In the final two fraternity matches, Edwin Hirsch and Stanley Cohen, Alpha Epsilon Pi, won by forfeit over Dick Grier and Bob Edwards, Alpha Phi Alpha, and Ken Smith and Jim Beatty, Alpha Gamma Rho, walloped Charles Cairns and Bill Happersett, Triangle, 21-4, 21-4.

In the independent contests, Bill Soley and Carl Riss gained a forfeit victory over George Obradovich and Tom Smith; Allan Ludwig and Larry Metzger whipped Ron Troanavitch and Steve Andrichak, 21-10, 21-3; and George Harris and Jim Schuyler rallied to take two out of three games from Clarence Dittenhafer and Harold Pellow 11-21, 21-11, 21-13.

Fraternity soccer winners included, Phi Kappa over Beaver House; Phi Kappa Tau over Alpha Tau Omega; Theta Kappa Phi over Theta Chi; Phi Sigma Kappa over Zeta Beta Tau; Delta Sigma Phi over Beta Theta Pi; and Eta Sigma Rho over Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

## Baseball Briefs

### Yanks Cop Wild Game

NEW YORK, May 18 (AP)—Chicago outfielder Minnie Minoso barely escaped serious injury today when he was hit on the head by a pitched ball in a wild home run duel won by the New York Yankees over the White Sox, 11-6.

Mickey Mantle's grand slam homer for the Yankees in the seventh climaxed the slugfest which produced a total of six homers to plague four Chicago and two Yankee pitchers. An interference play by the Yankees' Hank Bauer produced a mild rhabarb in the seventh.

Minoso was felled by one of Bob Grim's pitches in the first inning. The blow on the cheekbone sent him spinning to the ground where he lay a few moments, conscious but obviously in pain. He was carried off the field on a stretcher. X-ray reports showed no broken bones.

### Tigers Win in 10th, 6-3

BALTIMORE, May 18 (AP)—Frank Lary held the Baltimore Orioles helpless for the first five innings and was reached for only five hits after that, but needed a three-run splurge by his Detroit mates in the 10th inning to win 6-3 today.

The 24-year-old righthander was on the verge twice of losing the game after the Orioles tied the game 3-3 in the sixth when they scored all their runs.

### Indians Squash Sox, 19-0

BOSTON, May 18 (AP)—Herb Score, Cleveland's whip-arm rookie lefthander shut out Boston on three hits today while the vaunted power of the American League leaders broke loose for an 11-run fifth inning en route to a 19-0 victory.

Vic Wertz drove in five runs with a grand slam homer and a single in the big inning to come within two of the major league record. Ralph Kiner contributed a homer and Dave Philley a two-run triple.

### Senators Top A's, 7-2

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—The hit-starved Washington Senators punched over four runs in the first inning today and then coasted to an easy 7-2 victory over the Kansas City Athletics behind the steady pitching of lefthander Dean Stone.

### Bucs Lose 7th Straight

CINCINNATI, May 18 (AP)—Cincinnati rookie Rudy Minarcin today sent the tail-spinning Pittsburgh Pirates to their seventh straight setback, 5 to 1, on neat six-hit pitching. Minarcin, in his first major league start, retired in order 16 batters from the third inning to the ninth.

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